inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 5th December, 2002, agreed without any amendment to the Countess of Dufferin's Fund (Repeal) Bill, 2002, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 29th November, 2002.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO GOVERNING COUNCIL OF NORTH EASTERN INDIRA GANDHI REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES, SHILLONG

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): Sir, I move the following Motion :

"That in pursuance of sub-rule (b) of the rule 3 read with sub-rule (d) of rule 4 of the Rules of the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Memt-er from among the members of the House, to be a member of the Governing Council of the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Shri Onward L. Nongtdu from the Membership of Rajya Sabha."

The *question was put and the motion was adopted.*

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Crisis in Plantation Sector and steps taken by Government in this regard

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, with your permission, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Commerce and Industry to the crisis in the Plantation Sector, namely, tea, coffee, rubber, etc., and the steps taken by the Government in this regard.

THE MINISTER Of DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): Sir, the Statement